

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Mar 59		2. LOCATION Stockton, Calif.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0130-0200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj shape of boomerang of solid, smooth form w/projections, dirty white in color. Outline of obj clearly definable against deep blue sky.				11. COMMENTS Obj presents appearance of balloon. Slow flight w/metallic color reflecting sun's rays tends to substantiate this conclusion.	

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SUBJECT: Unidentifiable Object

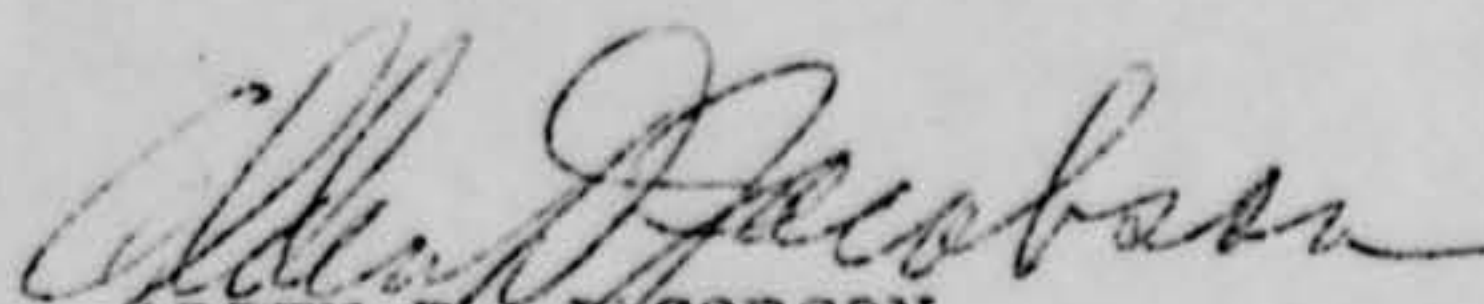
TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Transmitted is our informational copy of the 115th CIC Group report on 'Unidentifiable Object in the Sky, Vicinity of Stockton, California', dated 6 March 1959.

2. Time-delay precluded electrical transmission.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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a/s


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Chief, Intelligence
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

(SR 380-320-10)

DATE

6 March 1959

PREPARING OFFICE

Region I, 115th CIC Group, Oakland 12, California

SUBJECT

Unidentifiable Object in the Sky,
Vicinity of Stockton, California

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE 4
USUALLY RELIABLE 3
FAIRLY RELIABLE 2
NOT USUALLY RELIABLE 1
UNRELIABLE 0
RELIABILITY UNKNOWN -1

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES . . . 1
PROBABLY TRUE 2
POSSIBLY TRUE 3
DUBIOUSLY TRUE 4
UNRELIABLE 5
CANNOT BE JUDGED 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. On 4 March 1959, Mrs. [REDACTED], housewife, at [REDACTED] Stockton, California, [REDACTED] 13 years of age, student, with residence at [REDACTED] Stockton; [REDACTED] 2 years of age, student, with residence at [REDACTED] Stockton; sources of unknown reliability, reported the following: On 3 March 1959, at approximately 1730 to 1800 hours, a strange unidentifiable object was sighted in the sky. The object was dirty white in color, boomerang in shape, of solid, smooth form with projections. The object and its outline was clearly and sharply definable. The general vicinity in the area of the object was free of clouds, vapor trails, or any other type of phenomenon, natural or man-made. The sky was deep blue, broken only by the form and color of the object. The altitude and direction of travel of the object appeared to be constant, from east to southwest. The object was viewed for approximately five minutes by the above sources. (F-6)

2. On 4 March 1959, [REDACTED], an ex-US Army Airforce pilot during World War II, with approximately 2600 hours flying time, who is a Civil Engineer and Vice President of [REDACTED] and Son, Engineering Contractors, [REDACTED] Stockton, California, with residence at [REDACTED] Stockton, a source of unknown reliability, reported the following: On 3 March 1959, at approximately 1745 hours, Source arrived at his home from work. Upon his arrival, [REDACTED] a neighborhood youth, pointed out to Source a strange and unidentifiable object at an altitude of 25000 feet or more above the earth's surface. The position of the object was north-northwest of Source's house. Source's line of sight to the object was at an angle of approximately 40 degrees from the earth's surface. Source is of the impression that the object was approximately five times the size of a US Airforce B-52 aircraft. It was dirty white in color and appeared in form to resemble nothing previously observed by Source on land, sea, or in the air. Its outline was clearly defined and could not, in Source's opinion, have been composed of non-rigid or gaseous material. It appeared to Source to be a long, otherwise undefinable object with a tapered upsweep toward one end. The color and form of the object could not have been confused with cloud(s), vapor trails made by speeding aircraft at high altitude, or any other phenomenon, natural or otherwise, known to Source. Source is of the impression that the object was moving almost imperceptibly in a southerly direction. Source could not estimate the speed of the object due to the great distance between the object and his point of observation. Source viewed the object for approximately three minutes. The sun, just beginning to set on the western horizon, was definitely reflected by the object in a manner often observed by Source in the past when viewing a solid object in the sky. The sky above and behind the object was deep blue, causing the object to stand out in form and outline in clear relief. Source has never previously observed anything in the sky which he could not identify. He is certain in his mind that the object was not the result of an illusion based upon any phenomenon known to him. (F-6)

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